

**Minutes of the Red Deer River Municipal User Group Regular Meeting held on September 20, 2012 at 1:00 PM, Badlands Community Facility, Drumheller, Alberta**

**1.0 Call to Order – 1:03 PM**

**Attendance:** John Kaster – Town of Hanna, Annette Clews – Town of Sundre, Al Campbell – Town of Stettler, Ken MacVicar – Town of Sylvan Lake, Ray Olfert – Town of Blackfalds, Ron Howe – Town of Three Hills, Murray Marshall – Starland County, Dug Major – Special Areas, Terry Yemen – Town of Drumheller, Brenda Knight – Lacombe County, Earl Graham – Clearwater County, Murray Ball – Town of Olds, Sandy Gamble – Town of Bowden, Tony Nibourg – Paintearth County, Dianne Wyntjes – City of Red Deer, Dennis Kuiken – Village of Acme, Chris Reeds – Town of Trochu, Doug Lehmann – Town of Oyen, Paddy Munro – Mountain View County, Don Nesbitt – Red Deer County, Derek Baird – Town of Innisfail, Joe Gendre – County of Stettler, Gerard Aldridge – RDRWA, Keith Ryder – RDRMUG, Recording Secretary – Corinne Macdonald.

**2.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**Addition: River Disaster**

**MOTION** Lehman that the agenda for the September 20, 2012 Red Deer River Municipal User Group Meeting be adopted as amended. Carried unanimously.

**3.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

**3.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2012**

J. Kaster pointed out an error in Chad Temple's presentation. Tom McGee asked if the ERCB needs to be more "prescriptive" not descriptive as per the minutes.

**MOTION** Reeds that the Red Deer River Municipal User Group Meeting minutes of July 19, 2012 be adopted as amended. Carried unanimously.

**3.2 Business arising from Minutes of July 19, 2012**

**4.0 Financial Reports to August 31, 2012**

**4.1 Balance Statement**

K. Ryder, Executive Director provided an overview of the financial status to August 31, 2012 as follows:

Balance Sheet - Total Current Assets - \$163,755.86

Statement of Revenue and Expense - Surplus (Loss) to date is \$11,239.91

Accounting Notes - GST Clearing – Group was approved as a non-registered municipality and is able to claim 100% rebate on any GST paid.

Memberships are all paid up to date.

**MOTION** Niboug moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Carried unanimously.

#### 4.2 River Disaster Committee

K Ryder noted that the Executive met and sent out their Action Plan. B. Knight noted that flooding is not just a potential disaster in the rivers, but also oil spills and beavers are hazards. We should look at other studies and formulate our own study on the Red Deer River. Chairman D. Baird asked for members willing to sit on an Ad Hoc Committee to prepare a Study.

**MOTION** Clews moved that the following members will form an Ad Hoc Committee:

Terry Yemen, Town of Drumheller  
John Kaster, Town of Hanna  
Annette Clews, Sundre  
Derek Baird, Innisfail  
Earl Graham, Clearwater County  
George Gehrke, Red Deer County  
Dug Major, Special Areas  
Keith Ryder, RDRMUG  
Carried unanimously.

K. Ryder will arrange a meeting date and location for this meeting.

#### 5.0 New Business

##### 5.1 RDRWA (letter attached)

*(Gerard Aldridge, Executive Director, RDRWA was in attendance for information and background info)*

G. Aldridge advised that the RDRWA is a registered non-profit Society. The Society has fourteen Board of Directors. D. Wyntjes noted that the RDRWA and RDRMUG could work more together. RDRWA is the official group talking to the Government and RDRMUG could work with them. The question is how do we get this off paper and put it out to the public. The committee members provided their priorities for the river. G. Aldridge noted they are starting with the land use component right now and putting a report together so it can be brought to the RDRMUG. He noted that how diverse rivers are the opinions are just as diverse.

Some of the things RDRWA have been doing to show that they are making an effort to get information out there:

Ambassadors – to let young people know what the Water Shed is all about.

Brochures out to all schools Grades 5 to 8.

Science Camps.

Quarterly and monthly reports, Newsletters are on the web site.

A. Clews noted we need to focus on how can we do things better together, education and making this a higher priority.

#### 6.0 Executive Director's Report

K. Ryder provided the following overview of his activities:

- 6.1 Report on meeting with Minister McQueen
- 6.2 Canadian Water Economics
  - 6.2.1 Running Through our Fingers: how Canada fails to capture the full value of its top asset.
  - 6.2.2 Full Cost Accounting of Municipal Water  
(Update on presentations from the Canadian Water Resources Association Conference)
- 6.3 New www format.

**MOTION Wyntjes** moved to accept the Executive Director's Report as presented. Carried unanimously.

**7.0 Municipal Project Review:** *An opportunity for all representatives to share their current and future water/waste water projects.*

**8.0 Correspondence:** *Cross Canada Water Check Up – Alberta (attached) (handouts)*

**9.0 Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** December 6, 2012  
(November Meeting Date – Conflicts with AAMD&C Convention)

**10.0 Adjournment** – 3:15 PM